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ATTENTION ARA/LA/MRSD/L

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE INCREASE IN GRANT LA-714 (PERU-ITS)

1. PTTI/CTP PORTION OF GRANT IS APPARENTLY BEING EXPENDED AT RATE WHICH WILL NECESSITATE SHARP CUTBACK PRIOR EXPIRATION PRESENT FUNDING PERIOD ON MARCH 31, 1974, TO PREVENT EARLIER EXHAUSTION AVAILABLE FUNDS. ACCORDING TO AIFLD ANALYSIS, WE UNDERSTAND VOUCHERS SUBMITTED TO AND APPROVED BY AIFLD THROUGH NOVEMBER 26, 1973 (REFLECTING EXPENSES THROUGH SEPTEMBER), LEAVE ONLY \$10,097.82 IN THIS PORTION OF GRANT, WHILE WE UNDERSTAND EXPENSES OF ANTICIPATED PROGRAM OCTOBER THROUGH MARCH UNDER GUIDELINES PROVIDED IN GRANT PLUS A FEW OUTSTANDING VOUCHERS PRIOR TO OCT. 1 ARE LIKELY TO APPROXIMATE \$17,000. OPENING OF BRANCH EDUCATIONAL OFFICE IN TRUJILLO IN OCTOBER AND DESIRED ADDITIONAL BRANCH OFFICE IN AREQUIPA, PARTLY ACCOUNT FOR INCREASED EXPENDITURES IN SECOND HALF OF GRANT YEAR. LOCAL PTTI/CTP REPRESENTATIVE HAS BEEN INFORMED BY PTTI/WASHINGTON THAT HE MUST REDUCE PROGRAM TO LEVEL OF AVAILABLE FUNDS PRORATED OVER MONTHS REMAINING IF NO NEW FUNDS PROVIDED.

2. LABATT AGREES WITH LOCAL PTTI/CTP REPRESENTATIVE THAT PROPOSED CUTBACK WOULD SERIOUSLY DAMAGE ONGOING PROGRAM, AND SHOULD BE AVOIDED IF FEASIBLE.

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3. EMBASSY PROPOSES INCREASING PTTI/CTP PORTION OF GRANT

(CURRENTLY \$40,000 FOR 23-MONTH PERIOD) BY \$7,000 BY ONE OF
FOLLOWING TWO METHODS:

A. AS PROVIDED PARAGRAPH 2 OF ARTICLE 2 OF GRANT AMENDMENT
NUMBER 2 DATED APRIL 1, 1973, TRANSFER \$7,000 FROM AN
UNDERUTILIZED ITS PROGRAM TO THIS PROGRAM.

B. IF AIFLD DOES NOT ANTICIPATE SUCH A SURPLUS OR
SURPLUSES IN ANY SEGMENT OF THIS GRANT, THAT THE TOTAL GRANT
FUNDING BE INCREASED BY \$7,000, WITH THAT ADDITION BEING
EARMARKED FOR THE PTI/CTP PROGRAM.
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